

BRISTOL BAY AREA

The Bristol Bay Area includes all waters of Bristol Bay, including drainages enclosed by a line from Cape Newenham to Cape Menshikof. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Becharof National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge, Alagnak Wild River corridor, Katmai National Preserve (but not Park), and Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map 7 on previous page.]

CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATIONS		
Area	Species	Determination
Nushagak District, including drainages flowing into the district	Salmon and freshwater fish	Residents of the Nushagak District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district.
Naknek-Kvichak District Naknek River drainage	All fish	Residents of the Naknek and Kvichak River drainages.
Naknek-Kvichak District - Kvichak/Iliamna-Lake Clark drainage	Salmon and freshwater fish	Residents of the Kvichak/Iliamna-Lake Clark drainage.
Egegik District, including drainages flowing into the district	All fish	Residents of the Bristol Bay Area.
Ugashik District, including drainages flowing into the district	All fish	Residents of the Bristol Bay Area.
Togiak District, including drainages flowing into the district	Salmon and freshwater fish	Residents of the Togiak District, freshwater drainages flowing into the district, and the community of Manokotak.
<u>Togiak District</u>	Herring spawn on kelp	Residents of the Togiak District.
Remainder of the Bristol Bay Area	All fish	Residents of the Bristol Bay Area.

Special Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED. You can take fish at any time without a subsistence fishing permit, unless a permit is required or fishing is restricted in the following requlations. You may <u>not</u> take fish from waters within 300 feet of a stream mouth used by salmon.

You may take salmon and char only under authority of a subsistence fishing permit.

You may take rainbow trout only under authority of a Federal subsistence fishing permit; permit conditions and systems to receive special protection will be determined by the local Federal fisheries manager in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and local users.

In the Togiak River section and Togiak River drainage, you may not possess coho salmon taken under the authority of a fishing permit unless both lobes of the caudal fin (tail) or the dorsal fin have been removed. (See Fin Identification, page 5)

Only one subsistence fishing permit for salmon and char, and one for rainbow trout, may be issued to each household per year.

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Regulations:

Within any district, you may take salmon, herring, and capelin only by drift or set gillnets. Outside district boundaries you may take salmon only by set gillnet (see gillnet restrictions), except that you may take salmon by spear in the Togiak River, excluding its tributaries.

You may only take rainbow trout by rod and reel or jigging gear. If you take rainbow trout incidentally in other subsistence net fisheries, or through the ice, you may retain them for subsistence purposes.

Rainbow trout daily harvest and possession limits:

- April 10-October 31 -- 2 rainbow trout per day/2 in possession with no size limit.
- November 1-April 9 -- 5 rainbow trout per day/5 in possession with no size limit.

Gillnet Restrictions:

The maximum lengths of set gillnets to take salmon are as follows:

- 25 fathoms, except for the Egegik River
- 10 fathoms in the Egegik River

The maximum length of gillnets to take herring or capelin (during closed herring State commercial fishing periods) is 25 fathoms.

You may <u>not</u> set or operate any part of a set gillnet within 300 feet of any part of another set gillnet. You must stake and buoy each set gillnet. To identify gillnets, include your first initial, last name, and subsistence permit number. This may be inscribed clearly on a sign at (or near) the set gillnet, instead of having the information on attached kegs or buoys.

<u>Tazimina River</u> (and within 1/4 mile of the terminus of those waters), you may <u>not</u> subsistence fish with nets during September 1-June 14.

Fishing Periods:

During open State commercial salmon fishing periods, you may not operate or assist in operating subsistence salmon net gear while simultaneously operating or assisting in operating commercial salmon net gear.

You may take salmon for subsistence uses as follows:

All districts:

- From May 1-31 and October 1-31, you may subsistence fish for salmon weekdays, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday until 9:00 a.m. Friday.
- From June 1-September 30, you may take salmon for subsistence uses only during open State commercial salmon fishing periods within the commercial salmon districts.

Egegik River:

From June 23-July 17, beginning at 9 a.m. on June 23 through closing at 9 a.m. on July 17, you may take salmon only during 24 hour periods on Tuesdays and Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. and closing at 9 a.m. the following mornings, Wednesdays and Sundays.